**Application No. 10/727,987** 

Amendment Dated: February 20, 2004

**REMARKS** 

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification and claims

as originally filed. It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be favorably

examined and entered in the above-referenced application.

<u>AUTHORIZATION</u>

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for

this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that

requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for

that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to

charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to

deposit account no. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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